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SUBJECT: EC CRISIS MANAGEMENT

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BEGIN SUMMARY: FONOFF REP INFORMS US THAT FEB 6-7
POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING APPROVED GROUP OF CORRE-
SPONDENTS REPORT ON EC-9 CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND RECOM-
MENDED THAT REPORT BE ENDORSED AT FEB 14 FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING. REPORT INCLUDES FOLLOWING MAIN
POINTS. END SUMMARY

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1. AS BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS AND NATIONAL EXPERTS WOULD INEVITABLY BE FULLY OCCUPIED WHEN A CRISIS ERUPTS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD CALL IN THE EIGHT OTHER MEMBER-STATE AMBASSADORS IN HIS CAPITAL TO DETERMINE WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH CRISIS, WHO SHOULD MEET, AT WHAT LEVEL, AND WHERE.

2. EFFECTIVE AND SECURE COMMUNICATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE.

3. TO BOLSTER CRISIS MANAGEMENT OPERATION, THE "WHOLE NETWORK OF POLITICAL COOPERATION" COULD BE DRAWN UPON. THIS INCLUDES COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EIGHT EMBASSIES AND FONOFF (OF EC PRESIDENCY), CONTACTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND EC MEMBER STATE EMBASSIES IN OTHER CAPITALS. FONOFF REP STRESSED THAT "CONTACTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS" PRIMARILY MEANS USG, THAT "OTHER ORGANIZATIONS" PRIMARILY MEANS NATO AND UN, AND THAT "OTHER EMBASSIES" PRIMARILY MEANS THE NINE EC MEMBER STATE MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON, NATO BRUSSELS AND UN-NEW YORK. OFFICIAL CONCURRENCE HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN FRENCH ATTITUDE, THESE MEANINGS ARE NOT SPECIFIED IN REPORT.

4. FINAL POINT IN REPORT IS THAT NINE SHOULD DEVELOP MEANS TO FORESEE AND DEAL WITH POTENTIAL CRISIS AT EARLY STAGE IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE THEIR OCCURENCE. WHILE TECHNIQUES TO ADVANCE THIS AIM ARE NOT SPECIFIED, FONOFF REP RECALLED REFERENCE AT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT TO CREATION OF "RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS GROUP."

5. DURING CONVERSATION, EMBOFF STRESSED U.S. INTEREST (REF B) THAT DEVELOPING EC CRISIS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN NO WAY BURDEN NATO PROCEDURES OR MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH CRISIS SITUATION. FONOFF REP EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING FOR THIS POINT AND SAID NINE BELIEVE MORE UNIFIED EC VOICE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO EFFECTIVE NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT.
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